1st January 2001 to 15th July 2001, 56 persons were arrested under substantive laws as suspects in connection with terrorism.

Mass demonstration by women in Imphal against Manipur ceasefire

†375. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a mass demonstration by the women opposing to the ceasefire in Imphal;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that police had lathicharged women's demonstration as a result thereof number of women had got serious injuries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Violence broke out in Imphal and Thoubal towns during the torch light processing (July 5) organized by All Manipur Social Reformation and Development Samaj (AMSRDS), an apex body of Meira Paibis and Macha Leima (women's organizations), as the rallyists had confrontation with the police. During the procession in Imphal, Police had to resort to lathicharge as about 20,000 rallyists defied curfew and made attempts to enter Imphal town from different ares of Porompat, Heingang, Wangkhei, Uripok, Keishampat, Sagolband and Chingmeirong of Greater Imphal. One woman was killed in the melee and 11 others were injured. In Thoubal, the police had to burst tear gas shells and to resort to lathi charge against processionists (6000) who defied police orders and tried to proceed towards the

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

office of the Dy. Commissioner. 35 persons were injured in the lathi charge while 7 policemen, including the SP, were injured in the stone pelting by the crowd.

Declining rate of conviction of child rape cases

376. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of conviction of child rape cases has been going down in different States during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, if so, the number of such cases reported and the percentage of cases of conviction in such cases in these years; and

(b) what steps have been taken and are proposed to be taken by Central Government to effectively deal with the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No separate figures are maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) regarding the rate of conviction in child rape cases. The data relating to the rate of conviction in rape cases and conviction under the Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956 is indicated in the statement (*See* below)

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such, registration, investigation, detection and and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has, from time to time, been writing to the State Governments stressing upon them the need to take preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures in connection with crime against women and children.